

APPENDIX A: RECORD OF NON-APPLICABILITY

GENERAL CONFORMITY – RECORD OF NON-APPLICABILITY

Project/Action Name: Fencing Project, Fort Wainwright, Alaska

Project/Action Identification Number: 57961

Project/Action Point of Contact: Kate Siftar, Chief, Environmental Compliance, Fort Wainwright, Alaska, telephone: 907.353.6249

Begin Construction Date: March 2003

Midpoint Construction Date: September 2003

End Construction Date: March 2004

General Conformity under the Clean Air Act, Section 176 has been evaluated for the project described above according to the requirements of 40 CFR 93, Subpart B. The requirements of this rule are not applicable to this project/action because:

_____ The project/action is an exempt action under 40 CFR 153(c) or (d), (SPECIFY APPLICABLE EXEMPTION CATEGORY AND REGULATORY CITATION).

OR

 X Total direct and indirect emissions from this project/action have been estimated (carbon monoxide emissions are associated with the operation of construction equipment for this project), but are below the conformity threshold value established at 40 CFR 93.153(b) of 100 tons/year CO;

AND

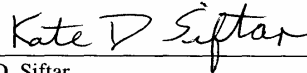
The project/action is not considered regionally significant under 40 CFR 93.153(i).

Support document and emission estimates if relevant

() ATTACHED

(X) APPEAR IN THE NEPA DOCUMENTATION (Project # 57961)

() OTHER _____.



Kate D. Siftar
Chief, Environmental Compliance
Fort Wainwright, Alaska

APPENDIX B: TIMBER POLICY

Army Regulation 200-3, *Natural Resources - Land, Forest, and Wildlife Management* (28 February 1995) Chapter 5 Forest Management, Section 5-2 Timber Management, b. Harvesting actions, (2) Disposal action, (d) states,

“Commercial forest products would not be given away, abandoned, carelessly destroyed, used to offset costs of contracts, or traded for products, supplies, or services. All forest products are to be accounted for and commercial harvests completed prior to the start of any construction that may impact forest resources. When forest products are removed from Army lands by any means other than a commercial timber sale, a dollar amount equal to the fair market value is to be deposited to Budget Clearing Account 21F3875.3960 20-C S99999 for products removed.”

USARAK policy on forest products use, as stated in the DRAFT Fort Wainwright Forest Management Plan, is as follows:

- All forest harvesting actions must be coordinated with the Environmental Resources Department / Installation Forester prior to action.
- Public use of forest products require a permit from the Environmental Resources Department / Installation Forester prior to removal of timber from the Installation.
- Mechanical clearing techniques must be coordinated with the Environmental Resources Department / Installation Forester prior to action.
- Hand clearing techniques should be used to preclude erosion or when conducting harvesting activities in wetlands, when possible.
- Timber harvest activity is not allowed within 50 feet immediately adjacent to an anadromous stream or high value resident fish water body. Within the next 50 feet, a 50% minimum retention of trees must occur.
- Permits are required for the vehicular crossing of anadromous and resident fish streams.
- Trees with a diameter-breast-height (dbh) of less than four inches may be cut without prior approval.
- Trees with a dbh of less than four inches; slash; and other debris may be distributed into adjacent upland areas, piled for burning, hauled away, or chipped and distributed into adjacent upland areas. Specific disposal methods would be determined by the Environmental Resources Department / Installation Forester prior to action.
- If spruce logs are not immediately removed from the site, the following special precaution must be taken. All spruce logs greater than four inch dbh must be scored the length of the log with a chainsaw to a half-inch depth so as to cause drying of the phloem to prevent bark and ips beetle infestations in nearby healthy trees.
- Trees with a dbh of more than four inches should be salvaged for public use up to a four inch top.
- Trees with a dbh of more than four inches should be stacked separately from smaller diameter trees.
- All stumps should be cut within six inches or less of the ground surface.
- Spruce boughs are only to be collected from trees sized less than four inches dbh for troop training.
- All large-scale harvest activities must be coordinated with the Natural Resources Office / Installation Forester to ensure other miscellaneous harvest requirements are met prior to action.

APPENDIX C. GOVERNMENT AGENCY CORRESPONDENCE

Official correspondence was sent to the following agencies prior to the 30-day public notice period for project review, comments, and suggested mitigation:

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Fairbanks Field Office
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Northern Region Headquarters Office
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Directorate of Public Works
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Re: Proposed Perimeter Boundary
Fencing, Fort Wainwright, AK

Dear Ms. Siftar:

This responds to your request for a list of endangered and threatened species and critical habitats pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). This information is being provided for a proposed perimeter boundary fencing project. The project's aim is to repair damaged fencing and install new fencing in order to establish an 8 ft. high, 30 mile long secure perimeter around Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

No listed species occur in these project area and there is no designated or proposed critical habitat in the vicinity of the proposed project. Therefore, the Service concludes that this project is not likely to adversely impact listed species. Preparation of a Biological Assessment or further consultation under section 7 of the Act regarding this project is not necessary.

This letter applies only to endangered and threatened species under our jurisdiction. It does not preclude the need to comply with other environmental legislation or regulations such as the Clean Water Act.

Thank you for your cooperation in meeting our joint responsibilities under the Act. If you need further assistance, please contact Jonathan Priday at (907) 456-0499.

Sincerely,

Ted Swem

Ted Swem
Branch Chief
Endangered Species

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

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File: 108.38.076

April 24, 2003

Therese Deardorff
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Fort Richardson, AK 99505-6500

Re: ADEC Comments on Installation of Fort Wainwright Fencing

Dear Ms. Deardorff:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) has reviewed the proposed alternatives for fencing installation on the Fort Wainwright Army Post. I understand the fence posts will be installed to depths of six to ten feet below ground surface and the fencing will be installed through numerous contaminated sites across the Post. ADEC has the following comments on the different alternatives:

1. I have no comment on Alternate A.
2. Alternate B concerns me as the route would run through a number of the restoration treatment areas including areas with active treatment systems. The wells and horizontal lines could be damaged and soil contamination could be encountered during the construction activities. The Air Sparge Curtain in Operable Unit 5 is along the south bank of the Chena River and appears to be directly in the route of Alternate B.
3. Alternates C and D also run through restoration areas near the Birch Hill Tank Farm. However, it appears they run on the fringes on the treatment areas and so should be less problematic.

Regardless of the alternative chosen, the individuals installing the fence should work closely with you and your contractors regarding location of the remedial system piping and the depth of contamination for each specific area since this changes throughout the Post. There should also be a contingency plan for dealing with any contaminated soil that is encountered. If you have any questions, please contact me at (907) 451-2156 or ann_farris@envircon.state.ak.us.

Sincerely,

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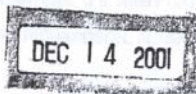
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Dear Ms. Bittner:

This is to inform you of U.S. Army Alaska's (USARAK) intention to move forward on proposed placement of fencing around Fort Wainwright's boundaries. This undertaking was submitted to your office for review pursuant to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations 36 CFR 800 on November 5, 2001. Because you have not responded on this action in the 30 days allotted, it is assumed you concur with our finding that No Historic Properties are Affected by this action.

Please direct any questions concerning this action to Mr. Russell Sackett at 384-3041 or e-mail russell.sackett@richardson.army.mil.

Sincerely,

David B. Snodgrass
LTC(P), U.S. Army
Director, Public Works